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SUBJECT: NAPLES AND ITS POLITICS: ELECTION OF A REPUBLICAN MAYOR

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FOR AMBASSADOR ET AL

1. AT MONDAY'S CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY OUTGOING MAYOR MILANESI INFORMED YOU AND ME THAT MAYOR DESIGNATE GALASSO HAD FAILED TO FORM A GIUNTA AND A COMMISSIONER WOULD BE INSTALLED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RUN THE CITY OF NAPLES. AT THE VERY MOMENT MILANESI RELAYED THIS NEWS GALASSO WAS ACTUALLY CONTINUING HIS ALL OUT EFFORT TO CARRY OUT HIS MANDATE. AFTER LITERALLY AROUND THE CLOCK CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS THIS WEEK GALASSO IS ON THE VERGE OF ANNOUNCING HIS GIUNTA. SHOULD HE SUCCEED IN DOING SO, AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE HE WILL IN THE 48 HOURS BEFORE HIS MANDATE EXPIRES,

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THIS WILL BRING TO AN END AN ERA IN WHICH THE POWERFUL GAVA CLAN HAS RULED--AND RAVAGED--THIS BEAUTIFUL AND IMPORTANT CITY.

2. IN REFTEL I COVERED IN DETAIL BOTH GALASSO'S IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS AND THE CITY'S SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS. ALTHOUGH I AM VERY SKEPTICAL THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL MORASS, GALASSO IN MY JUDGMENT REPRESENTS THE BEST HOPE IF GIVEN A FAIR CHANCE.

3. I WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER ON DEVELOPMENTS BUT SINCE I HAVE  
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EVERY REASON TO SUSPECT THAT OUR PHONES ARE TAPED I WILL BE VERY

CIRCUMSPECT IN WHAT I SAY OVER THE TELEPHONE. IN FACT, UNDER THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES, I WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID ITS USE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
VERY BEST WISHES. COLANTONIO

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